

SWAC C&D Subcommittee Meeting
MassDEP – Bureau of Air & Waste
March 30, 2016; 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Meeting Minutes and Follow-up Actions:

Recorded by: Mike Elliott (MassDEP C&D program Coordinator)

1) Welcome/Introductions

- a) Mike Elliott, MassDEP C&D Program Coordinator, welcomed participants in the room and on the webinar.
 - i) Participants in conference room: 19 (including 4 MassDEP staff members)
 - ii) Participants on webinar: 10 (including 1 MassDEP staff member)

2) Comments on Draft SOW for MassDEP sponsored “2016 C&D Debris Industry Study”

- a) A concern was raised that the list of approved contractors under statewide contract PRF61 is very limited for firms with experience in the C&D space. Greg Cooper, Director of Business Compliance and Recycling, responded that there’s nothing to prevent approved contractors from teaming up with sub-contractors who have more experience in this subject.
- b) Concerning the contractor selection process, Greg Cooper suggested that, if there were any interest, MassDEP would not be opposed to using a small task force of Subcommittee members to help with the bid evaluation process.
- c) A concern was raised about the methodology that will be used for estimating the quantity of material generated. Greg Cooper responded that this report will primarily focus on quantities of material directed to processors for recycling. MassDEP noted that concern and will address it in the SOW.
- d) A concern was raised regarding seasonal and geographic variation in C&D derived material composition. MassDEP noted that concern and will address it in the SOW.
- e) A question was raised whether the study will consider coated concrete. MassDEP responded that it couldn’t be ruled out, but that it depended on what materials emerge from Task 1 as the two additional target materials (in addition to wood) to be carried through the end market assessment phase.
- f) A member observed that the study under discussion today is really limited primarily to building materials, it does not include materials from road and bridge construction and demolition. MassDEP agreed with that assessment.
- g) Concerning recommendations contained in the final report, the suggestion was made to require the contractor to review the proposed recommendations with the C&D Subcommittee prior to finalizing the report. MassDEP is not opposed to this suggestion.
- h) Greg Cooper articulated a vision of the 2016 C&D Industry Study under discussion today as one piece of a larger effort that, with the assistance of the C&D Subcommittee, will map out a C&D debris management action plan designed to achieve the recycling objective memorialized in the Solid Waste Master Plan – 50% recycling rate by 2020. Greg referred to the MassDEP Organics Action Plan as a good example of the kind of broad-based guide that would be developed through the collective efforts of the entire spectrum of C&D debris stakeholders: e.g. generators, property owners, developers, haulers, processors, end-market recyclers, etc. (The MassDEP Organic Action Plan can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/public/committee-3/orgplanf.pdf>.)
- i) In order to maintain the schedule outlined in the presentation, MassDEP will make final edits to the SOW to be incorporated into the RFP by the end of April. The RFP will then be issued for

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competitive bids in May. Bids will be evaluated in June with the intention to award a contract by July 1.

3) **Preview of 2013 and 2014 Annual C&D Facility Report Summary Data to be posted on MassDEP website in April**

- a) Mike Elliott reported that the 2013 and 2014 summary reports will be posted on the MassDEP website in April.

4) **Announcements/Open Discussion**

- a) MassDEP reviewed upcoming events listed on Slides 22 to 24.
 - i) CY2015 Annual C&D Facility Report past due 2/15/2016
 - ii) EPA announces new C&D WebPages
 - iii) EBC announces C&D Subcommittee meeting April 8: management of concrete from demolition
 - iv) William Turley, Executive Director of CDRA, offered the following updates
 - (1) CDRA is meeting with EPA Sustainable Materials Management team
 - (2) OSHA just released revised Silica Rule; will mostly affect concrete recyclers, but possibly C&D processors as well
 - (3) Annual meeting of CDRA will be held in San Jose, CA on May 1 through 3

5) **Closing/Next Steps**

- a) Potential topics:
 - i) Status of RFP for 2016 C&D Debris Industry Study
 - ii) Status of Stakeholder Engagement process toward development of BMPs to assist generators of C&D debris
 - iii) Market implications of achieving LEED C&D waste cycling credits.
 - iv) Preliminary summary of CY2015 annual C&D facility report data

6) **Next meeting**

- a) **TBD but in about 3 months time (ca. June 2016)**